Statement by Pakistan's Prime Minister on the right of self-determination for the people of Jammu and Kashmir

212. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Pakistan has recently stated that there will be no compromise with India on the question of the right of self-determination for the people of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government on such comments;

(c) whether Government propose to take up the issue with the Pak Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Slanted and motivated statements cannot obscure facts of the case but Jammu & Kashmir is and will always remain an integral part of India.

(c) and (d) India has made its position clearly known to the Pakistani authorities.

Exodus of minorities from J & K

213. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Kashmiri Hindus had met the Prime Minister during January this year and apprised the position of atrocities on them by subversives in the Valley;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of members of minority community are leaving J & K due to rear and recent disturbances in the State;

(c) if so, whether Government have since taken any steps to bring normalcy in the State and resettle those who have left the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what further steps Government propose to take to defuse the activities of terrorists/ JKLF activists in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The police administration has been re-vamped and is being made more effective. Additional police force has been inducted into the Valley. Steps have been taken to invigorate the intelligence agencies. To inculcate confidence arrangements have been made that the people may stay in protected camps in the Valley and from there may visit their homes once or twice a week.

Infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir

214. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: .. ..

(a) whether there were some incidents of Pakistan-trained militants infiltrating into Jammu and Kashmir and the mobs crossing over in recent weeks and indulging in acts of violence;

(b) whether there are also reports of Pro-Pakistan elements joining hands with those infiltrators and causing disturbances in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) On 5th February, 1990

some intruders from Pakistan crossed International Border in R.S. Pura area of Jammu and set ablaze grass stacks. After giving them due warning, the security forces opened fire causing some casualities. The crowd thereafter retreated to Pak. territory.

On 11th February, 1990 some persons from Pakistan twice tried unsucessfully to cross the line of control in Uri Sector of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Government have seen some reports in this regard.

(c) Necessary steps have been taken to check instances of infiltration and mob crossing to ensure the security of the borders.

Extension of TV serials with titles by Doordarshan

215. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of TV serials (with titles) which have been given extension so far by the Doordarshan stating the period by which extensions have been given and the reasons therefor in each case;

(b) what is the existing method of selecting TV serials by the Doordarshan;

(c) whether Government have made any review of the existing method of granting permission for telecasting the serial; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken/proposed to be given by Govt. in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) 17 serials have been given extension/revival during the years 1987-1990. Their titles, the number of episodes by which these have been extended/revived are given in the enclosed statements (See below)

Extension/revival was given taking into consideration the intrinsic merit as well as popularity of the serials.

(b) to (d) Since 7-5-1986, Doordarshan has not been accepting new proposals for serials under the sponsorship scheme. The proposals received from various parties till then were firstly considered by a Preliminary Committee headed by the Deputy Director General concerned. Proposals found suitable after the scrutiny were placed before a Selection Committee consisting of non-official and official members headed by the Director General Doordarshan. If this Committee also found the proposal suitable, concept approval was given and the producer was asked to produce a 'pilot' episode and submit it for approval. Final approval to the serial was given only after the 'pilot' was approved by the Selection Committee.

Wherever appeals for reconsideration of rejected proposals were received, these were considered by a review committee. The proposals rejected by the Preliminary Committee were reviewed by the Selection Committee and proposals rejected by the Selection Committee were reviewed by a Committee consisting of two more non-ocial members in addi. addition to the non-official members who considered the proposal earlier.

Recently, the Government have taken a decision to review all the programmes approved for telecast on Doordarshan including serials. A panel of eminent non-officials in the field of art, literature, communication, etc. has been drawn up who would review the programmes. Some meetings of the review Committee have already been held and they have reviewed a number of programmes.